(a) whether they have selected any officer from the service to undergo training for the Diwan Peishkar's post;

(b) the date on which the term of service of the present Diwan Peishkar expires in the ordinary course of things;

(c) if the answer to sub-division (a) is in the negative, the reasons for not doing so?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) The question is receiving attention.

(b) On 19th Meenam 1108 (1st April 1933).

(c) The question does not arise, in view of the answer to question (a).

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the period of training?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not fixed.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Is the training in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—None of the details has been decided.

Delay in notifying of the text-books prescribed for Schools.

121. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the schools were re-opened this year;

(b) the date on which the notification regarding the text-books prescribed for schools for this year was published in the Gazette;

(c) the date on which the final order prescribing the text-books was communicated to the authors or publishers of the books;

(d) the date or dates on which the books were made available to the public?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) 17th Edavam 1107.

(b) Notification dated 15th Edavam 1107 was published in the Gazette on 29th Edavam 1107.

(c) 15th Edavam 1107.

(d) No such statistics were collected as there was no occasion for it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the delay in passing orders prescribing text-books? The school re-opened on the 17th. Orders were passed only on the 15th.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There was some interim correspondence with the Government about the resolutions and recommendations of the Board of Studies. Because some of them were not strictly in accordance with the orders issued by the Government there was some amount of interim correspondence.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has it not caused great inconvenience to the students having had to go to school without text-books?

Mr. I. N. Menon—There was some amount of inconvenience. There is a slight fault in the answer given. The school did not really re-open on the 17th because of some special holidays in connection with the memory of the demise of His Highness the late Maharaja. So they did not re-open actually on the 17th as these holidays intervened. Still there was some inconvenience felt.

Approving of text-books for schools.

122. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that certain books were prescribed as text-books in schools by the Government subject to their revision by the authors or publishers;

(b) if so, whether the revised books were submitted for approval of, and approved by, the authorities concerned either before or after they were published?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No; the authors or publishers of five books were asked only to attend to the remarks noted against their books. The remarks were not such as to necessitate any revision.

(b) No answer is required in view of the answer to sub-division (a) above.

Enhancement of Anchal rates and Hundi Commissions.

123. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons for enhancing the Anchal rates and Hundi commission from 1108;

(b) what is the excess income anticipated by the enhancement of the rates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) To increase the State revenue.

(b) About Rs. 5,000 a year.

Admission of Cochinite and non-Cochinite students in the Maharaja's College.

124. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to give a list showing the number of:—

(a) applicants for admission to the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, this year;

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